WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   A method for improving scene classification of a sequence of digital images comprising the steps of:

(a)   providing a sequence of images captured in temporal succession;

(b)   classifying each of the images individually based on information contained in the individual image to generate a first image classification; and

(c)   imposing a pre-determined temporal context model on the sequence of images to generate a final image classification.

2.   The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the information used in step (b) includes pixel information.

3.   The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the information used in step (b) includes metadata information.

4.   The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the pre-determined temporal context model in step (c) is independent of elapsed time between consecutive images

5.   The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the pre-determined temporal context model in step (c) is dependent on elapsed time between consecutive images

6.   The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the pre-determined temporal context model is a causal Hidden Markov Model dependent on the previous image.

7.   The method as claimed in claim 6 wherein the predetermined temporal context model is a causal Hidden Markov Model dependent on the previous image.

8.   The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the predetermined temporal context model is a non-casual model dependent on both the previous and subsequent images.

9.   The method as claimed in claim 8 wherein the predetermined temporal context model is a non-casual model dependent on both the previous and subsequent images.

10.   The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the temporal context model is imposed using Viterbi algorithm.

11.   The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the temporal context model is imposed using the belief propagation algorithm.